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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S FAREWELL CALLS: A POTPOURRI OF
ISSUES (CHAVEZ, CHILEAN LEADERSHIP, CHILEAN INTERNAL POLITICS)

REF: A. SANTIAGO 1164

[B](#). SANTIAGO 1215

Classified By: Ambassador Craig Kelly for reasons 1.5 (b and d)

Summary

[1](#). (C) Chilean leaders, in government and out, acknowledge that Chile must do more to counter the threat posed by Chavez and look to continued
[2](#). (C) Below are observations made by key Chilean leaders, arising out of a continuing run of farewell calls that began in conversations with

small dinner that included Foxley and top Foreign Ministry advisor Edgardo Boeninger. All three are Christian Democrats. Walker and Boeninger

office call, Luksic expressed elation at the just-reported merger between Banco de Chile and Citibank (ref B). He said Finance Minister Velasc
--- MFA Director General Ambassador Portales and Bachelet,s Foreign Affairs Advisor Marcos Robledo: Over lunch, Portales and Robledo said Chil

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